

Dear Sirs,

I am very concerned whether adequate tests of RF interference by BPL have been performed by independent third parties. I was surprised to hear that the police and other emergency response teams have not tested their equipment in the presence of BPL, while amateur radio operators who did perform tests experienced significant interference. In many cases, large portions of spectrum became unusable over a wide area. Similar tests done by European and Asian countries have resulted in total abandonment of BPL projects.

Considering current threats to homeland security, I hope that our emergency responders are safe in assuming that extensive tests will be performed on their behalf, and that decisions will not be based solely on research paid for or performed by parties with financial interests in deploying BPL.

Perhaps, if BPL turns out to be too disruptive to RF communications, the effort could be turned instead to developing faster, more robust and more scalable microwave or optical links.

Sincerely,
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